(viii) Need for setting up of a VHF LPT at Kottarakkara in Kollam district of Kerala.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (Adoor) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker Sir, Kottarakara, in Kerala is one of the important taluk headquarters in Kollam district which falls in Adoor parliamentary constituency.

Trivandrum Doordarshan Kendra is covering the area of Adoor parliamentary constituency which is within the radius of 100 kms. This is a hilly area and backward. The visibility of the Doordarshan Kendra Programmes in this taluk is very poor. As such, the viewers are not getting any of the programmes of Doordarshan clearly. The people are demanding for setting up a VHF LPT at Kottarakkara for redressing their grievances. It is a long standing demand.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government of India to consider and sanction a VHF LPT at Kottarakkara during this financial year.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Now the House will take up the next item...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA (Jaipur) : Sir, as per the Bulletine, Railway Budget would be discussed on the 23rd, 24th and 25th. Today being 23rd, I want to know whether the train will run today? We would like to know the position for our information whether the Railway Budget would be discussed Today.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : As per the list of Business. This is the item before me.

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : But in the Bulletin it is mentioned that the Railway Budget would be discussed on 23, 24 and 25th...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : At present I would like to stick to the Agenda. We will consider your plea later on...

(Interruptions)

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA : Sir, we would just like to know where it will be taken up, say after 6 or 7 or it will not be taken up at all..*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : I will find out the position and apprise you accordingly.

14.20 hrs.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Calling off of the Strike in All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : Sir, in the last few days a lot of hon. Members have shown their anxiety about the happenings at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. I would like to inform the hon. Members, through you, that the strike has been called off.

A very unfortunate incident took place on the 17th when some Resident Doctors were assaulted. We had an inquiry conducted into the matter. We have very strongly condemned the incident. I am taking up the matter with the hon. Home Minister as well as the Lt. Governor of Delhi so that such incidents are not repeated in the future. But I would just like to inform every hon. Member who showed his or her anxiety that the strike has been called off as of this morning ...*(Interruptions)*

AN HON'BLE MEMBER : Was any one arrested? ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI : Yes, two of them have been arrested...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL (Chandni Chowk - Delhi) : What action is proposed to be taken against the persons whose alleged misbehaviour led to the strike. There were some political leaders also ...*(Interruptions)* who abused and threat the doctors and they were armed in spite of their assertion to the country. I want to know the action proposed to be taken against such persons how soever they may be even the Chief Minister of Delhi. Had some common man done it, would you have let him off...*(Interruptions)* Who is responsible for this...*(Interruptions)*... My submission is that action should be taken against such people who all instigating others...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI : We strongly condemn the inaduct and strict action would be taken against the persons involved in the incident. I can only request the police to take action because I am not empowered to take any direct action. I have received a letter from the Chief Minister of Delhi ...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

SHRI A.C. JOS (Idukki) : That is what we said. Action has to be taken against the Chief Minister; action has to be taken against the State Government. The Chief Minister's name is also involved in the incident. It is in the newspaper.

[Translation]

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI : I was saying that I have received a letter from the Chief Minister of Delhi in which he has claimed that his home has been wrongly dragged in the incident and that should be inquired into. We have ordered an inquiry to find out the factual portion and stringent action would be taken against the persons involved in the incident ...*(Interruptions)*